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Council Eyes City-Wide \$8-Million Park Program

All Areas To Benefit, Basic Idea

A multi-million dollar park program, geared to please residents all over Torrance somehow and in some way, has been drafted by the Recreation Commission and submitted for study to the City Council.

More than 100 acres of land for park purposes whose acquisition and development would come roughly to about \$8-million are involved.

The commission recommended that the council initiate appraisal and condemnation proceedings. The council delayed action for a week in order to "look at the sites."

The commission worked in terms of 109 acres to be acquired at a cost of about \$10,000 an acre (\$1,090,000 total). Improvement costs are figured at about \$50,000 per acre (total \$5,450,000). Acquisition and improvement would come roughly to about \$6,915,000.

Need \$8-Million
"It would be risky to recommend to the City Council less than \$8-million for the total park acquisition and development program," Harry Van Bellem, director of recreation, informed the council.

The park recommendations are based on the outcome of two public hearings on the question of community-wide recreational developments.

Areas Involved
One-acre park sites are recommended adjacent to six north Torrance schools—El Nido, Perry, Edison, Evelyn Carr, North Torrance Elementary, and Arlington.

Five-acre sites are recommended for the Crenshaw School, 186th and Prairie, 182nd and Arlington, near South High (Turn to Page 14)

Let's Display the Flag on Labor Day

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG ON LABOR DAY:

WHEREAS, Labor Day has been set aside by an act of Congress as a national holiday on which America salutes the free men and women who have helped build our country and keep it secure; and

WHEREAS, Labor Day is a day on which free labor annually re-affirms its faith in and its loyalty to the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, the working people of America will enjoy this holiday on September 3rd of this year; and

WHEREAS, it has become customary to display the American flag on national holidays; and

WHEREAS, the display of the American flag has generally been over-looked on Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, George Meany, president of the A. F. of L. and C. I. O., has urged that the American flag be displayed this year and every year on Labor Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council does hereby join with President George Meany of the A. F. of L. and C. I. O., in urging that the American flag be proudly flown at every Torrance household on September 3, 1956, and on every Labor Day thereafter.

TORRANCE SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 13

Even though the date falls on a Thursday rather than a Friday, Torrance youngsters will probably view Thursday, September 13, with mixed feelings.

That's the day they'll be going back to school. The following information will apply to elementary and high school youngsters who are not already enrolled.

ELEMENTARY
The elementary schools in the Torrance Unified School District will be open starting Monday, September 3, for enrollment of new children in the elementary grades kindergarten through eight.

A child must have been born on or before December 2, 1951 to be admitted to kindergarten and on or before December 2,

1950 to be admitted to the first grade.

There can be no exceptions to this State Law. State law requires that a birth certificate or adequate proof of the birth date of kindergarten and first grade pupils be presented at the time of enrollment.

Also, all kindergarten and first grade children who reside in the district at the opening of school must be enrolled on or before October 10, 1956 to be eligible to enter school this year.

Exceptions to this State regulation must be approved by official action of the Board of Education.

HIGH SCHOOL
Both high schools started en-

rolling pupils new to the District on Monday, August 27 and will continue this enrollment through Wednesday, September 5.

The hours for registration at each school will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The offices will be closed on Labor Day. It is requested that whenever possible a pupil should enroll before September 5.

New students should bring report cards or transcripts with them when they register if possible. Students who graduated from a Torrance elementary school need not register since they have already been enrolled. North high school is located

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EDITORIAL

Which Of The 2 Are You?

When we think of habits we usually think of bad habits.

But there are a whole host of habits which are good and which we perform quite as a matter of course such as eating, going to work, observing holidays, obeying the law.

One other habit which we indulge in periodically is voting.

Some individuals develop this political habit with the same care that they develop personal habits, such as brushing their teeth.

They know why they vote and what they're voting for.

Others, however, are negligent in this respect.

But, neglecting our political health is as dangerous as neglecting our personal health, because citizens who become careless about their political rights invite tyranny.

That is why it is important to make a habit of voting and knowing what we vote for.

It is a sad local commentary that of about 45,000 Torrance residents who are eligible to vote, only 25,989 are registered.

We urge those who have not registered or who must reregister to be eligible to vote in the November election to do so by September 13, which is the last day.

We urge you to look after your political health. It's just as important as the water you drink and the air you breathe.

EVENING CLASSES TO START

Day and evening classes for adults will begin at Torrance Evening high school Monday, September 17. Residents of Torrance and surrounding communities are invited to attend classes in which they are interested.

Adult classes in academic, business training, crafts and homemaking subjects are offered as part of the Torrance Unified School District's educational program.

Free of charge, classes are conducted at Torrance high school, North high school; Evelyn Carr, Hillside, Riviera and Seaside elementary schools and other locations.

Adults may receive a high school diploma by completing state minimum requirements in the evening school. High school equivalency diplomas will be issued to qualified veterans who (Turn to Page 14)

Who'll Be President? Here's The Answer!

Who'll win the election in November—Adlai or Ike? Your vote will tell, of course.

And, if you're already a registered voter all you have to do is wait until November 6 and rush to the polls.

But if you have never registered or if you have to reregister, you better hurry up.

Deadline for registration is September 13. Individuals may register at the Torrance city hall, Torrance blvd. and Maple ave. or call the city clerk's office (FA 8-5310) and ask for the address of the registrar of voters in your neighborhood.

There are six classes of persons who should register or reregister for the election.

1) Those who have changed their addresses since they last registered.

2) Those who have changed their names since they last registered.

3) Those who desire to change their political affiliation.

4) Those whose registrations were canceled because they did not vote at either the direct primary or general election in 1954, and who have not reregistered since said cancellation.

5) Those who have become of age, and have not registered.

6) New residents of Los Angeles county, who will have the required qualifications by the date of the election. These qualifications are:

- One year's residence in State.
- Ninety days' residence in the county.
- Twenty-one years of age.
- A naturalized citizen must have been a citizen for at least 90 days prior to the date of the election, and must show his naturalization papers to the deputy, when registering for the first time.
- All voters must be able to read the English language and sign his name, and must not be disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction.

SUICIDE: Ben Goodman, 52, of 2545 W. Rocking Horse road, San Pedro, was found hanging in his woodworking shop at 25th and Normandie Sunday. He was discovered by his wife when she became suspicious that something was wrong and went looking for him, according to San Pedro police.

ROBBERY: Mrs. Janet K. Murray, 23, of 606 Harbor Hills, Lomita, was robbed of \$38 Saturday evening at 263rd st. and Western ave. A man forced her car to the side of the road with his car. After asking where she was going and being told that she was on her way home, he exclaimed: "Well, you're going home empty-handed." He took and left her a few cents saying: "I'll leave you a little."

Third Child Due...

A highly promising 29-year-old engineer, father of two children, died suddenly of bulbar polio, Monday while on a special tour for his company.

Dead is Russ Herder, 29, of 4119 West 175th street, Torrance. He died in Louisville, Kentucky, while on a special assignment for Northrop Aviation company.

Herder was the father of two children, Melody, 4, and Michael, 2, and another one which is on its way, which his wife, Myrna, is expecting in a few weeks.

Efforts are being made to locate her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Langton, who are on vacation somewhere in the Yellowstone park area, unaware of the sudden death of their son-in-law.

Company officials indicated that Herder was an extremely talented and versatile individual.

He had studied music at Pepperdine college and had even sung professionally in light opera.

Because of the great opportunities in the engineering field, he decided to change over to that field. He was working full time at present and going to El

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BUS RATES TO DROP SEPT. 1

Bus rides will be getting cheaper starting September 1.

This announcement came from Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of Torrance's municipal bus department.

Fares up to and including 60 cents will be reduced, as a result of the removal of the 10 per cent travel tax. This reduction was approved when President Eisenhower signed the Kean bill into law.

Fares from Torrance to Los Angeles which are now 50 cents will be lowered to 45 cents and from North Torrance to Los Angeles which now costs 44 cents will cost 40 cents, Chamberlain said.

How Does The Local Mental Health Clinic Operate?

At the present rate, one out of every 12 children born each year will need to go to a mental hospital sometime during his life because of severe mental illness. The chances of adults being hospitalized with a severe mental illness are now nearly 1 in 10. What

Special Feature

provisions have been made in the Torrance area to cope with "the nation's number 1 health problem"? For the second in a series of four articles turn to page 15 and read: "How the Mental Health Clinic Operates" by Ralph R. Gompertz, managing editor.



PAST PLUS PRESENT EQUALS FUTURE
Hamilton (l) and Rehwoald look over experiment's findings.
—Press Photo

'Little Red School House Plan' Proves Success

(Editor's note: Last December the Torrance Press published a series of four articles dealing with an unusual experiment in education going on at Welteria elementary school. The project was popularly referred to as "the Little Red School House Plan." The experiment has now been evaluated. We are herewith publishing the findings.)

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ
The Little Red School House experiment is a whopping success!

This is the exciting conclusion of a thorough and comprehensive study which has just been completed and which involved 15,000 computations.

And what did all this prove?
It proves that children learn more from those who are different than from those who are similar.

Or, put another way, greater growth will occur for children when they are grouped on the basis of differences rather than similarities.

These are the enthusiastic findings of Walter Rehwoald,

director of instruction, and Warren W. Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District.

The idea for the local experiment originated with Rehwoald who had long been intrigued by a theory advanced by Dr. Howard Lane, professor of education at New York university.

Dr. Lane suggested that children learn more from those who are different than from those who are similar.

Rehwoald's enthusiasm and conviction impressed Torrance's Board of Education and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Consequently, Rehwoald was given permission to set up a pilot project to test the idea.

The plan involved combining rather than separating certain grade levels.

The underlying idea was that pupils would learn more and advance faster when not hampered by arbitrary grade distinctions based on age. At the same time, if they were slow in any particular field, they could be helped to tackle

that particular problem at their own pace, without being held up in their other studies.

Lastly, learning and social responsibilities would improve where younger and older children are placed together—just as in a family relationship.

The Plan

The plan involved lumping 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders together into a single multi-grade classroom. The same was done with 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

Seven such multi-grade classes were set up at Welteria elementary school. Of these, four were primary multi-grades (1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades) and three were intermediate multi-grades (4th, 5th, and 6th grades).

Because of its resemblance to the old-fashioned classroom arrangement, this idea has come to be popularly referred to as "the Little Red School House Plan."

(To be Continued Next Week)

Fly Your Flag Proudly Labor Day ...Sept. 3rd